

HOUSE BILL 3034

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-7-108 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to court security officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-7-108(a) is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

The sheriff and sheriff's deputies, as well as any other person appointed by the county legislative body to have charge of the courthouse as provided in this section, shall participate in forty (40) hours of basic training in courthouse security within twelve (12) months of assignment to such duty. Every year thereafter such persons shall participate in a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of training specific to courthouse security that has been approved by the peace officers standards and training commission.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1 is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

38-8-1__.

A law enforcement officer may substitute a maximum of forty (40) hours of successfully completed training in courthouse security for regular continuing education hours.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.